the clerk did not know Kanarese and that no work could be assigned to him. In March 1933, the Registrar of Assurances brought to notice a few instances in which clerks who did not know the local vernacular were posted to the sub-offices in his district and stated that work in those offices had been dislocated. The question of the amendment of the Madras Ministerial Service Rules so as to remove such difficulties is under consideration.

Provincial Finance.

Admissibility of travelling allowance under rule 95 of the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules.

* 584 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur P. Khalif-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued a Government Order in June 1933 amending rule 95 of the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules;

(*b*) whether in that Government Order, travelling allowance for journey to obtain second medical opinion in support of an application for extension of leave has been permitted;

(*c*) whether, with reference to the permission referred to in clause (*b*), petitions claiming travelling allowance under the Government Order cited above, have been received by the Government from and after June 1933; and

(*d*) if so, in which of the departments travelling allowance was sanctioned and in which of the departments travelling allowance was refused in such cases?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Subject to the restrictions laid down in the rule, it was intended to cover a journey to obtain a second medical opinion in support of an application for extension of leave and the rule was amended in June 1933 to make the intention clear.

(*c*) Claims under the rule do not require the sanction of Government, but may be sanctioned by the authorities specified in the rule. Only two cases have come to the notice of Government, one in the Revenue Department and another in the Law Department.

(*d*) The claims were refused in both the cases.

Irrigation

The Pennar-Kumudavathi project.

* 585 *Q.*—Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state at what stage the Pennar-Kumudavathi project is (in Anantapur district)?